Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 18 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 17 Oct 2023 at 16:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very unsettled, windy weather over the next few days with some very wet conditions on Thursday. Low for Saturday onwards.

Headline for Wednesday 18 Oct 2023: Very strong, gusty winds. Mainly cloudy and dry, some rain at first.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Oct 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
40%	60%	60%	30%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Oct 2023

Weather: Cloudy overnight with some patchy rain arriving from the southwest. Wednesday will be mainly cloudy with some rain around in the morning but this clearing by midday then some brightness in the afternoon. Very windy and gusty conditions, especially on high summits and ridges.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in south, 70% in north.

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional cloud above 700 or 800m, mainly affecting the Trossachs and up into Glen Coe. Low cloud more patchy the further north you go. Otherwise, generally good visibility but a haze will obscure more distant hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	40/50 SE	49/62 SE	51/66 SE	55/71 SE	53/70 SE	54/71 SE	56/75 SE	59/79 E	58/78 E
900	32/43 SE	37/50 SE	39/53 SE	42/59 SE	43/61 SE	43/61 SE	45/64 SE	46/66 SE	46/66 E
600	31/44 SE	42/55 SE	47/63 SE	50/69 SE	47/69 SE	46/67 SE	49/69 SE	51/70 SE	48/68 E
300	19/33 SE	24/39 SE	28/46 E	33/53 E	34/54 E	32/53 E	30/50 E	26/46 E	26/45 E
Glen	10/17 N	14/27 E	13/27 E	19/36 E	12/25 NE	18/31 NE	20/35 NE	22/39 NE	21/38 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-8	1/-9	1/-8	1/-8	2/-7	2/-7	2/-8	1/-8	1/-8
900	4/-3	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4	5/-2	5/-2	4/-4	4/-4	4/-3
600	9/4	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/5	12/5	11/4	10/3	10/3
300	8/4	8/4	8/4	9/4	10/6	10/6	9/5	9/5	9/5
Glen	10/8	10/8	10/8	11/8	13/11	12/9	11/8	11/8	12/8
Freezing Level*	1500m	1800m	2000m	2300m	2300m	2500m	2600m	2700m	2700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very strong winds developing above 600m by the afternoon with gusts of 70 to 90mph on the tops making progress almost impossible. Beware of sudden gusts on sheltered lee slopes at times.

Forecast for Thursday 19 Oct 2023

Weather: Rain arriving into the south overnight and spread in north through the morning. The rain will become continuous and heavy, especially in the south over Ben Lomond and Trossachs and down to Arran with some flooding likely in places. Strong winds and heavy rain will make conditions very difficult.

Maximum wind: East or Southeast 40 to 50mph gusts 70 to 80mph, easing gradually through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor for most of the day in heavy rain with cloud extensive above 500 or 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 11C rising to 13C.
At 800m: Plus 7C.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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